

COUNCIL BRIEFS

May 22, 2015

Summer assignments increase community policing: Three police officers will be assigned to specific neighborhoods this summer. Officer Stacy Thomas will be assigned to the HANOC, Hillcrest Area Neighborhood Outreach Center, Bicycle Officer Aaron Vafiades will be assigned to the Elmwood/Beachland Park area, and Bicycle Officer Kevin Harrison will be assigned to the Park Road/Kennedy Park area.

In addition, once a month these officers will host a Meet Your Beat Officer meeting at local business. The officers will listen to community concerns and offer information on the programs that are available at the police department.

West Hartford Police Cadets finish high: On Saturday, May 2, eight West Hartford Cadets participated in the 24th annual CT Stations Day Competition sponsored by Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association. Two cadets placed first in the DUI event and two took second in the robbery scenario. There were approximately 385 youth competitors and 90 staff members from CT, MA, NH and NY.

West Hartford homeowners value solar: According to 2015 [statistics from CT Green Bank](#), West Hartford is continuing the momentum that started last year with the Solarize program. West Hartford has the third largest number of solar installations in the state, after Durham and Fairfield.

Police participate in a new Leadership Greater Hartford program: In a first-ever effort, 14 police sergeants from Hartford, East Hartford and West Hartford recently graduated from the eight-week Community Policing Leadership Initiative run by Leadership Greater Hartford. WHPD Sgt. Anthony Anderle was among the graduates. The program required each sergeant to research and write about an important aspect of community policing and share his findings with his police chief.

New name for the Housing Authority's affiliate: The West Hartford Housing Corporation is now known as Trout Brook Realty Advisors, Inc. The agency is the Housing Authority's developer and is responsible for constructing and managing its portfolio of successful multi-family developments including Elm Grove, Alfred E. Plant, and its newest property, The Goodwin, located at 189 Newton Road. Trout Brook Realty Advisors is currently conducting due diligence on the feasibility of a transit oriented, mixed-use development at 616 New Park Avenue.

Police Department launches a Facebook page: Did you know that the West Hartford Police Department is on Facebook? [Click here to take a look](#). (You do not need an account to access the page.) The social media site contains images from the Annual Police Awards ceremony, press releases and special notices.

Farewell to Robin Collins: After 31½ years of service, Robin Collins, Facility Supervisor of Elmwood Community Center, will be retiring on June 5, 2015. Robin served as the supervisor since the community center opened in 1984. Under her direction, the community center has grown enormously in areas of programming and rental opportunities. ECC is a wonderful resource in the community and one that she will continue to hold dear to her heart!

Memorial Day events: The [annual Memorial Day Parade](#) will be held on Monday, May 25 at 10:00 AM. A memorial ceremony immediately follows the parade. Please note, there is no on-street parking along the parade route.

On Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 AM, flags will be installed on the graves of 1200 veterans at Fairview Cemetery. The community is invited to help. A brief ceremony follows at the church.

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